146 Eye Banks are there in the country.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) The Eye Bank Association of India (EBI) is of the view that the existing Corneal Grafting Act passed by the State Legislatures and by the Parliament are not adequate to provide more donor eyes and these Acts should be amended or fresh Acts be passed to overcome the deficiency of these Acts. They have forwarded a model Corneal Grafting Act to be forwarded to the State Governments so as to enable them to enact more effective legislation. It envisages procurement of more donor eyes from postmortam cases and unclaimed bodies from hospitals which can be a very large source of donor eyes.

A decision can only be taken in this regard after thorough examination of the proposal in consultation with the Ministry of Law.

Purchase done by N.I.H.

3542. PROF. SAURIN BHATTACHARYA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that huge purchases by the National Institute of Homoeopathy have been made without inviting tender and construction work worth a few lakhs of rupees was assigned to an individual without inviting tender as required under Government Financial Rules ;

(b) whether any audit report has drawn attention to this aspect ;

(c) if not, whether the audit officer was obliged through the appointment of a superannuated person in Accounts Department on normal pay at the age of 61 ; and

(d) whether Government would institute special audit in order to as certain whether there have been any financial irregularities in the Istitute ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be placed on the Table of the House.

Medical colleges iu Private Sector

3543. DR. NARREDY THULASI REDDY : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government of Andhra Pradesh has sent proposals to Government for establishing new medical colleges in Private Sector ; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D. K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Facility of rabbies

3544. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the category of infaction and fatality of rabbies is very high and can be comparable with that of AIDS ;

(b) whether Government has been pursuing any measure to raise the level of consciousness of the people about the threat to their lives from their pet and other animals ; if so, the details thereof ;

(c) the comparative details of expenses incurred by the Government on account of prevention measures against rabbies *vis-a-vis* AIDS during last three years ;

(d) whether it is also a fact that anti-rabbies vaccines are being imported from foreign countries in addition to the quantity produced indigenously ; and

(e) if so, the details of quantity and value of the vaccine imported and those produced within the country year-wise during the last three years ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI D.K. THARA DEVI SIDDHARTHA) : (a) Though once full blown both the diseases, *i.e.* Rabbies and AIDS, are nearly 100 per cent fatal, the former can be revented even after the exposure if vaccine is administered in time. No such vaccine is available for AIDS which can only be prevented at the pre-infection stage by ensuring safety of blood and behavioural modification.

(b) There is no National Rabies Control Programme.

(c) No such comparison is therefore, possible.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The details are given in the statement.

Statement

The details of quality of vaccine imported and produced within the country during the last three years

Name of Vaccine produced indigenously/imported	Quantity produced/imported		
	1989	1990	1991
Indigenous :			
(1) Neural Tissue Vaccine	40 million ml.	40 Million ml.	40 million ml.
Imported			
(1) IMOVAX/VERORAB	Nil	Nil	1,28,000 doses
(2) PURIFIED CHICK embrye cell Vaccine	*	*	12 lac doses
(3) Human diploid Cell Vaccine	35,000 doses	35,000 doses	60,000 doses

*Information is not available.

Work ou pesticides by NIN

3545. SHRI B. K. HARIPRASAD : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whther it ls feet that in 1977 and so NIN, Hyderabad had done some pioneenng work on pestl eldes which has caused dwarflsm (Handigodu Syndrome) In Chlkmagu)ar and if so, detalls thereof, indicating whether the ffnal report on the droject has been grepared and if so, when ;

(b) whether any follow up work has been undertaken on the subject and if so, details thereof ;

(c) whether ICMR had done any similar studies on the epilepsy due to pesticides and frequent deaths due to celphos and if so, details thereof ; and

(d) whether the ICMR propose to set up a full-fledged division at one of its national laboratories to handle this work intensively and effectively in view of dangers, including cancer associated with pesticides ?